LOCAL ENTERTAINER NO. 1 WITH ITUNES

By Liam Timmins

David Maguire, an aspiring country musician born in Birchgrove, Ballinasloe, has found great success with his newest album *"From the Cradle"* which went straight to Number 1 on the iTunes Irish Country Charts.

Featuring with this release were many singles including *"They were Lord, I Hope This Day is Good"*, *"The Town of Kilkee"* and a cover of Dire Straits *"Walk of Life"*, now has thousands of people listening on platforms such as Spotify and YouTube.

David Maguire grew up in Birchgrove/ Creagh and was a student at Garbally College. During his secondary years he joined various gigs including musicals and the school's folk group. Additionally, he was also part of the school choir directed by Fr. Colm Allman. David's musical inspirations include many traditional country icons including Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley, as well as modern guitarists like Mark Knopfler.

Following his secondary education, David moved to the UK and studied at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, obtaining a degree in Agricultural Science. Whilst David was being educated in the Aberystwyth, he often played music in local clubs and student bars.

Following his graduation David wrote and released his debut single "Close to My Heart", being an instant radio hit throughout Ireland. While in the UK, the musician also met and worked with famous producer Marcus Cliffe, who performed with various popstars such as Mark Knopfler and Rod Stewart.

Through various gigs and touring David gained ties to people in the music industry from the USA. He was eventually invited to Nashville in 2007 and 2008 and eventually begun touring the country. David found himself especially welcomed by the Americans and hopes to return late this year.

David remains close to his local routes, having toured all around Ireland – North, South, East and West. He plans in future to do a nationwide tour, and will make sure to return to include Ballinasloe in this line-up.

Along with his day job as QA Validation Consultant at Regeneron in Limerick, David is currently working hard on new album in London, which he hopes to have released by Autumn next year.

In the meantime, make sure to stay alert on any new singles released by him on iTunes, Spotify or YouTube.